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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DETAILS AND ASPECTS OF RECENT CONVOY

REF: ASMARA 0342 (DTG (281155Z APR 76)

1. CONVOY WHICH ARRIVED EVENING OF APRIL 27 (REPORTED REFTEL) CONSISTED OF 320-330 TRUCKS WHICH BROUGHT PRIMARILY LENTILS AND SESAME SEED FROM NORTHWEST TIGRE. VERY LITTLE FOOD WAS INCLUDED IN CARGO, BULK OF WHICH WILL BE PROCESSED IN ASMARA AND EXPORTED VIA MASSAWA. FOOD SITUATION REMAINS marginally ADEQUATE IN ASMARA AS CORN AND WHEAT ARE BEING BROUGHT IN THROUGH MASSAWA, LIMITED SUPPLIES OF BARLEY TRICKLES IN FROM SURROUNDING VILLAGES, AND MEASURED SUPPLIES OF WHEAT AND SORGHUM ARE PERIODICALLY BEING RELEASED FROM GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED STORAGE.

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PRICES FOR ALL GRAINS CONTINUE TO RISE CAUSING DIET OF POOR TO

WORSEN. SAMPLE OF AVERAGE PRICES OF GRAINS PURCHASED BY 3KG
MEASURE AS OF APRIL 29 ARE AS FOLLOWS: TEFF (EXTREMELY SCARCE) -
ETH\$113; WHEAT ETH\$83.00; SORGHUM ETH\$72.00; CORN ETH\$67.00;
BARLEY ETH\$60.00.

2. TRUCK DRIVERS WHO ARRIVED WITH CONVOY REPORT THAT THERE WAS A
SCIRMISH, UNRELATED TO CONVOY, BETWEEN INSURGENTS AND EPMG FORCES
ABOUT 20 KM SOUTH OF ADI UGRI. REBELS ATTACKED DETACHMENT OF ETH-
IOPIAN TROOPS WHO CALLED IN APCS WHICH QUICKLY DROVE OFF REBELS.
MUTILATED BODIES OF SIX INSURGENTS WERE BROUGHT INTO ADI UGRI
AND PUT ON PUBLIC DISPLAY, HEIGHTENING ANGER AND RESENTMENT AGAINST
EPMG TROOPS.
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